

On page 18, line 2, after "16b" insert --as seen in Fig. 2--.

In the Abstract of the Disclosure replace "This invention is an" with --
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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the Claims as follows:

1. (Amended) An improved temporary guardrail system for removable attachment to a building under construction including a plurality of upright stanchions, each respective stanchion having an anchor bracket on [the] a bottom end thereof [and being adapted to be removably mounted to a building structure], said stanchions being connected by a plurality of vertically spaced upper and lower side rails and by a toe board, [said toe board being positioned adjacent the floor of said building structure,] the improvements comprising:

means for rotatably connecting said side rails to said stanchions [whereby] enabling each respective side rail [may] to be rotated 360° about [the] a longitudinal axis of each respective stanchion in a horizontal plane and each respective side rail [may] to be pivoted at varying angles in a vertical plane;

means for telescopically adjusting the length of each respective side rail and said toe board [whereby] enabling said temporary guardrail system [may] to be adapted to dimensional features of different buildings under construction; and

means for selectively extending the vertical height of said guardrail system to provide an increased measure of safety for employees performing specialized tasks requiring ladders and stilts adjacent thereto.

2. (Amended) The temporary guardrail system of Claim 1 wherein a first threaded stud outwardly projects from a top end of said stanchions in

substantially axial alignment therewith [whereby] enabling an upper [horizontal] side rail [may] to be rotatably mounted thereon at various angles.

3. (Amended) The temporary guardrail system of Claim [1] 2 where said upper side rail [may be] is pivoted in a vertical plane at varying angles by [use of an adapter] angulation means installed at a top end of said stanchion.

4. (Amended) The temporary guardrail system of Claim 3 wherein said [adapter] angulation means comprises a generally L-shaped swivel bracket disposed on said first threaded stud at said top end of said [top] stanchion, said L-shaped bracket including a long leg portion and a short leg portion being fixedly attached in perpendicular relation thereto, said bracket further including [a swivel plate] swiveling means being adapted for pivoting movement in a plane parallel to the plane defining said long leg portion, said [swivel plate] swiveling means including a second threaded stud disposed in perpendicular relation to said axis of said stanchion [whereby] enabling said upper side rails [may] to be mounted [thereto] thereon and pivoted in a vertical plane at varying angles for installation of said temporary guardrail system on inclines such as stairs.

6 2/ (Amended) The temporary guardrail system of Claim 4 wherein said [swivel plate] swiveling means includes a pair of said studs arranged in parallel, spaced-apart relation thereon, said studs being disposed in perpendicular relation to said axis of said stanchion [whereby] enabling a pair of adjacent upper side rails [may] to be mounted thereon and pivoted in a vertical plane at varying angles for installation of said temporary guardrail system on inclines such as stairs.

3/ (Amended) The temporary guardrail system of Claim 1 wherein said connecting means for said lower side rails comprises at least one rail support collar cooperating with an [adapter] angulation means attached to each of said

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side rails, said at least one rail support collar being disposed about said stanchion and having at least one threaded stud outwardly extending therefrom and being perpendicular to a center axis of said collar [whereby] enabling said [adapter] angulation means ^{of said side rails} [may] to be fixedly mounted on said at least one threaded stud.

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4 ~~8~~ (Amended) The temporary guardrail system of Claim ³ ~~6~~ wherein said [adapter] angulation means ^{of said side rails} comprises a mid-rail, swivel bracket disposed on said on at least one threaded stud extending from said rail support collar, said ^{mid-rail, swivel} bracket including an elongated body member and further including [a swivel plate] swiveling means being adapted for pivoting movement in a plane parallel to the plane defining said elongated body member, said [swivel plate] swiveling means ^{of said mid-rail, swivel bracket} including a threaded stud mounted in perpendicular relation to said axis of said stanchion [whereby] enabling said lower side rails [may] to be mounted [thereto] thereon and pivoted in a vertical plane at varying angles for installation of said temporary guardrail system on inclines such as flights of stairs.

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5 ~~8~~ (Amended) The temporary guardrail system of Claim ⁴ ~~7~~ wherein said [swivel plate] swiveling means ^{of said mid-rail, swivel bracket} includes a pair of threaded studs arranged in generally parallel, spaced-apart relation [whereby] enabling a pair of said lower side rails [may] to be mounted [thereto] thereon and pivoted in a vertical plane at varying angles for installation of said temporary guardrail system on inclines such as flights of stairs.

In Claim 10, line 5, change "whereby" to --enabling--.

In Claim 10, line 6, change "may" to --to--.

In Claim 11, line 2, change "adapter plate" to --anchoring--.

In Claim 12, line 2, change "adapter plate" to --anchoring--.

In Claim 13, line 2, change "adapter plate" to --anchoring--.